

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA  
Montana Nineteenth Judicial District Court, County of Lincoln

STATE OF MONTANA,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	CAUSE NO. DC-17-094
	)	
	)	D E C I S I O N
EZRA LEVI SKINNER,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

On August 20, 2018, Defendant was sentenced to the Montana State Prison for ten (10) years, with no parole eligibility, for the offense of Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence. Defendant received credit for time served of 361 days.

On February 22, 2019, Defendant's Application for review of that sentence was heard by the Sentence Review Division of the Montana Supreme Court (hereafter "the Division"). Defendant appeared by video conferencing from Crossroads Correctional Center and was represented by Brent Getty of the Office of the State Public Defender. The State was not represented.

Before hearing the Application, Defendant was advised that the Division has the authority not only to reduce the sentence or affirm it, but also increase it. Defendant was further advised that there is no appeal from a decision of the Division. Defendant acknowledged that he understood this and stated that he wished to proceed.

Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

The Division finds that the reasons advanced for modification are insufficient to hold that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is **AFFIRMED**.

Done in open Court this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2019.

DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION



Hon. Brenda Gilbert, Chairperson



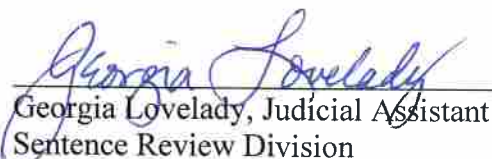
Hon. Dan Wilson, Member



Hon. Luke Berger, Member

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